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(B) ISTANBUL 1115 - 09/16/71

(C) ISTANBUL 3157 - 09/25/73

(D) STATE 244703 - 12/14/73

(E) STATE 242170 - 12/11/73

SUMMARY: CONGEN AND LOCAL US MIL COMMANDS JOINTLY PROPOSE THAT SIX USAF LOCAL HIRE POSITIONS ASSIGNED TO CONSULATE DUTY AS PART OF CONSOLIDATED COMM ARRANGEMENT HERE BE CONVERTED TO SIX USAF PROVIDED AND FUNDED FSL POSITIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. AS INTEGRAL ELEMENT OVERALL DEPT/USAF COMMUNICATIONS CONSOLIDATION IN ISTANBUL AREA (REF A), AIR FORCE PROVIDES DUTY DRIVER AND INTERPRETER DURING ALL NON-OFFICE HOURS AT CONSULATE GENERAL TO ASSIST DUTY OFFICER AND MSG. THESE SERVICES REGARDED AS IMPORTANT BENEFITS DERIVED FROM CONGEN PERFORMANCE RECORDS COMMUNICATION FUNCTION FOR ALL LOCAL US MIL ELEMENTS.

2. AFTER AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE WITH TUSLOG HQ (ANKARA), TUSLOG DET 63 (KARAMURSEL CDI) AND TUSLOG UNCLASSIFIED

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DET 29 (ISTANBUL), AND WITH CONCURRENCE EMBASSY

ANKARA, CONGEN PROPOSES THAT THREE USAF INTERPRETER AND THREE USAF DRIVER POSITIONS PRESENTLY ASSIGNED BY TUSLOG TO CONGEN DUTY BE CONVERTED TO USAF-FUNDED FSL POSITIONS. TUSLOG IS CONCURRENTLY TRANSMITTING THIS PORPOSAL TO APPROPRIATE USAF COMMANDS FOR PURPOSE OF INTERAGENCY COORDINATION.

3. REASONS FOR PROPOSAL INCLUDE TUSLOG DESIRE PHASE DOWN US MIL PRESENCE ISTANBUL TO LOWEST POSSIBLE MISSION-ESSENTIAL LEVEL. GOAL WOULD BE SERVED IN THIS CASE BY REDUCTION DRIVER/INTERPRETER POSITION AND DECREASED SUPPORTIVE/SUPERVISORY MANPOWER REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN TUSLOG LOCAL HIRES IN ISTANBUL. FROM CONGEN VIEWPOINT, WE FIRMLY BELIEVE CONVERSION OF DUTY DRIVER AND INTERPRETER POSITIONS TO FSL STATUS WILL CLARIFY THE SUPERVISORY ROLE DUTY OFFICERS MUST FULFILL WITH REGARD TO THESE PERSONNEL. ALSO, PRESENT TUSLOG EMPLOYEES ARE MEMBERS LABOR UNION WHICH HAS SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED CONTRACTS INCLUDING LIBERAL REST BREAKS, FIXED DINNER PERIODS AND OTHER BENEFITS INCOMPATIBLE WITH MISSION OF CONSULATE GENERAL WHOSE DUTY OFFICERS MUST OFTEN RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES WHILE INTERPRETERS AND DRIVERS NOT AVAILABLE. CONVERSION INTERPRETER AND DRIVER POSITIONS TO FSL STATUS WILL REMOVE THESE DIFFICULTIES. FINALLY, CONGEN PRESENTLY UNABLE ASSIGN VARIETY OF TASKS TO TUSLOG PERSONEL NOW SERVING POST DURING NON-OFFICE HOURS BECAUSE AIR FORCE POSITION DESCRIPTIONS DO NOT ENCOMPASS THESE DUTIES. THEY INCLUDE MONITORING LOCAL NEWS MEDIA, PREPARING CORRESPONDENCE IN TURKISH WHEN NO LOCAL TYPISTS AVAILABLE, SERVING AS BACKUP TELEPHONE OPERATORS, MAINTAINING LIAISON WITH ISTANBUL POLICE DIRECTORATE, ETC.

4. IT ASSUMED THAT THIS PORPOSAL TO CONVERT SIX USAF POSITIONS TO USAF PROVIDED AND FUNDED FSL POSITIONS MAY BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN COORDINATION WITH USAF WITHOUT FORMAL RENEGOTIATION OF REF (A). SIMILAR JOINT CONGEN/TUSLOG PROPOSAL OF 1971 TO CONVERT FOUR MILITARY LOCAL-HIRE TELEPHONE OPERATOR POSITIONS TO FSL USAF-FUNDED POSITIONS WAS IMPLEMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT WITHOUT AMENDMENT TO UNCLASSIFIED

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THE BASIC AGREEMENT. PRESUME THAT PRECEDENT APPLIES THIS CASE, ESPECIALLY SINCE POST, ANTICIPATING PROPOSAL CONTAINED HEREIN, COMMUNICATED IT TO DEPARTMENT (REF C). RESPONSE (REF D) INDICATES DEPARTMENT AGREEMENT THAT REWRITING ORIGINAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING NOT REQUIRED TO ACCOMPLISH CONTEMPLATED POSITION TRANSFER.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT STATE 242170 OF 1973 (REF E),

REGARDING PENDING AMENDMENTS TO ORIGINAL AGREEMENT, IS
SEPARATE MATTER AND LEAVES UNCHANGED THOSE PORTIONS
OF REF (A) WHICH DEAL WITH LOCAL-HIRE PERSONNEL.

4. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION FORE-
GING RECOMMENDATION, COORDINATE POSITION TRANSFER WITH
AIR FORCE, ARRANGE APPROPRIATE REIMBURSEMENT FROM USAF
FOR TRANSFERRED POSITION COSTS, AND ADVISE POST OF
APPROXIMATE TIME FRAME WITHIN WHICH CONVERSION MAY BE
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